

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor David Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the August 28, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$376.54.) The Board welcomed the new treasurer, Mary Bjorklund.

Public Hearing-Supervisor Nelson read Resolution #17-10 "Approving the Obligation of the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department to Purchase a Fire Truck." Supervisor Nelson asked Jeremy Hagen, Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department, to talk about the fire truck the department is purchasing. Supervisor Nelson asked if there were any questions from the public. Supervisor Opack asked about the emission control and Jeremy stated fire trucks are not exempt from emission control requirements. Jeremy stated the manufacturer provides a one year warranty. Mike Drager asked if the power train warranty is longer. Jeremy stated the power train warranty is longer. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved to accept Resolution #17-10. (See attached resolution.) Supervisor Nelson stated that hearing no further questions, this ends the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z matter-Nothing to report tonight.

Musolf Road-Supervisor Opack-Nothing to report tonight.

Beaver dam on Turner Road-Supervisor Opack reported that the water is lapping on the shoulder from little Schultz Lake, so far everything is holding up.

Beaver trapping on the Lawnwood Road- Supervisor Opack had Dan Croke trap beavers. Dan caught one large male and one large female beaver. There was no further activity after a few days, so he pulled his traps. We will monitor this area.

Turnarounds-We have received all the agreements the clerk mailed out and she will send the County agreements to the County and file the Township agreements in the office. The agreements give the County and the Township authorization to turn-around on the land owner's property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader Operator's road report-Tom Haller stated that he performed a road check today and the roads are in good shape. Tom stated that someone has pushed back some brush and made the turnaround a little bigger on Island Lake Drive. There is a pile of logs on one side of the Berg Road that will need to be removed and someone is building a house that is right at the turnaround. Supervisor Opack contacted the land owner on Eden Lane, Robby Lucca, and explained that the landscaping he did on his property is in the Township's turnaround and we will be unable to plow his part of the road. Robby said he would plow his part of the road and Supervisor Opack stated that our grader operator can turn the grader around in the driveway before Robby's property. Tom reported there is a problem with the culverts on Lawnwood Road that needs to be addressed.

Snowplowing-Supervisor Opack stated that he received a call from Jason Shaw asking about the snowplowing of the lanes this winter season and Jason stated his price will be the same as last year. The Board will discuss their plans for snowplowing at the September 25th meeting. Supervisor Opack also received a follow-up call from Pete Stauber, County Commissioner and Pete said he would talk to the County Engineer to get us another year extension to comply with the County's regulations. We will wait to hear back from Pete. Supervisor Opack would like to take this year to look at what we need to do to our roads, like ditches, landscaping, etc and put a dollar figure on it, maybe get some engineer estimates so we have some actual numbers to work with.

Broadband grant-Supervisor Nelson stated that Pete Stauber did send in a letter in support of the Broadband grant for Fiber to the Home Grant. Supervisor Nelson stated that the grant has been submitted but he does not know a timeline for when it will be approved or denied.

Bergstrom Road-Mike Drager said he has lived here for twenty one years and has never seen the Bergstrom Road as well cared for as this year.

Gnesen Community Center-Toni Blomdahl reported a window was broken at the Center. The people that broke it called and reported it. Kurt Blegen will call Salo Glass to get it repaired. Toni reported that the Summer Youth Program was a success. They averaged about 14 kids per day at the last camp.

Gnesen Newsletter-No report tonight.

Crime Report-We received the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for August.

Community Center rental-Bubbling Brook Day Care has asked for permission to list the Community Center as their emergency evacuation site. We will discuss this at the September 25th meeting after we have received more information.

Wear bars on the brusher-Tom Haller was given permission to bring the brusher down to Northern Welding to have the wear bars replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received three pieces of correspondence, other than those mentioned above.

Seven building permits were turned in for the month of August 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board Elections-September 12, 2017. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-September 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. (Conditional Use Permit Reviews)

Town Board Meeting-September 25, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Legal Seminar-October 7, 2017-9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Disbursements #13965 through #14000 and two Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$23,401.40 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

Visitors attending the meeting were: Jeremy Hagen, GVFD, Mike Drager, Jacob Nustad, and Angel Peluso. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Kurt Blegen, Tom Haller, and Toni Blomdahl.

Employees absent: Cindy Erickson